Servics who were already drawing non-practising allowance, have been allowed revised rates of non-practising allowance from the date from which they drew their pay in the revised scales applicable to them in accordance with the Central Civil Services (Revised Pay) Rules, 1986. So far as research scientists of the Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha are concerned, orders revising the non-practising allowance are to be issued by that Council with the approval of their Governing Body.

Second phase of Ramagundam Thermal Power Station

1226. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: *Will the Minister of ENERGY* be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has sent the project report of the Second Phase of Ramagundam Thermal Power Station;

(b) whether the Central Government have given approval for the same;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons for delay in approving the project?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The feasibility report of the project for installation of two units of 210 MW units in Stage-II at Ramagundam Thermal Power Station (at an estimated cost of Rs. 679.5 crores) was received in the Central Electricity Authority in September, 1989, from the Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board. The proposal could be techno-economically appraised by the CEA after all the essential inputs, such as water and coal availability etc. are tied up and necessary clearances, including clearance from the environmental angle are obtained by the State authorities.

Taxis Hired for Ex-Minister by Director, NHPC

1227. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state·

(a) whether DLY taxis were hired by Director (Personnel) of National Hydro-electric Power Corporation Ltd. from M/s. R. K. Travels for the Ex-Minister of State of Power and Energy for his private journies to Mathura and Hardwar on the 3rd September, 1989 and the 1st October, 1989 respectively; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard including the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) The National Hydro-electric Power Corporation has informed that it had hired DLY Taxies from M/s. R. K. Travels for the official journies of the Ex-Minister of State for Power to Mathura on 3.9.1989 and to Hardwar on 1.10.1989.

Staff Car of NHPC attached to Ex-Minister

1228. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that staff car No. DAV-3748 of National Hyddro-electric Power Corporation Limited is still attached to the residence of Ex-Minister of State of Power and Energy for his private use;

(b) if so, whether the Ex-Minister is being charged for the same and if so, at what rates; and